

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

December 10, 2021

The Honorable Lauren Boebert  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Dan Newhouse  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Bruce Westerman  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Boebert, Ranking Member Westerman, Chairman Newhouse, and other interested Members:

Thank you for your letter regarding the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) proposal to move the BLM headquarters and personnel back to Washington, D.C. We stand with you in strong opposition to the BLM reprogramming request.

President Donald Trump and Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt had a simple, but powerful vision in 2019 – shift responsibility and authority from Washington, D.C. to the field and move the BLM headquarters west to optimize service for the American people. We applaud and support that effort. BLM's mission spans every state in the nation and its physical presence should reflect that. The redeployment of the BLM headquarters and its functions to western locations brings them closer to the people they serve every day.

Through the Trump Administration's reprogramming effort, BLM estimated it would save approximately \$5 million annually in salary and lease costs from this move. The Department of the Interior also reported that it saved \$1.9 million on travel costs in fiscal year 2020.

We work tirelessly as Republican Appropriators to ensure taxpayer dollars are being spent wisely. Rather than waste money bringing bureaucracy back to Washington, we should be investing these funds in important national and local priorities, like our military and our schools.

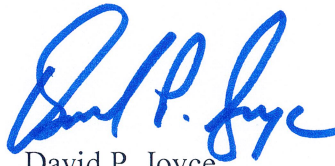
We look forward to working with you and other Members to support President Trump and Secretary Bernhardt's vision for a better, more responsive, and more cost-effective government that serves our western states and constituents.

Your letter is timely and helpful, and we oppose the Department of the Interior's proposed reprogramming.

Sincerely,



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Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations



David P. Joyce  
Ranking Member  
House Committee on Appropriations  
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